

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102, on the grounds that they were considered to be anticipated by the *Ishii et al.* patent (U.S. 4,742,369). Claims 3 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being unpatentable over the *Ishii* patent, in view of Official Notice that white balance adjusters for image processors were known.

To clarify the distinctions between Applicants' invention and the prior art represented by the *Ishii* patent, the pending claims now recite a camera having an image sensing device, or photo-taking portion, that produces a continuous frame output signal to provide a moving picture preview of the subject being photographed. Support for this claimed feature can be found, for example, at page 44, lines 4-9, of the specification.

The *Ishii* patent discloses a camera that records an image on photographic film. At the time that an image is to be recorded onto the film, an image is sensed by an image sensor, and displayed to permit the user to check whether the intended image has been photographed. In this operation, a single frame of the image is sensed immediately before the photograph is taken, i.e. upon depression of a shutter release button, and displayed to the user. See, for example, column 4, lines 47-65 and column 5, lines 18-41.

In contrast the arrangement disclosed in the *Ishii* patent, the claimed invention makes it possible to sense and display continuous frames of the subject, to thereby provide a moving picture. This enables the user to observe a live view of the image

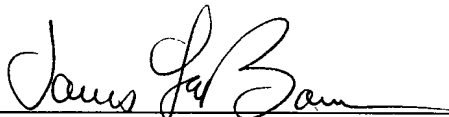
before taking a photograph, and thereby permits the user to perform the photographing operation with appropriate timing.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the currently pending claims is neither anticipated nor otherwise suggested by the *Ishii* patent. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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